

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1076

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING; AMENDING SECTION 67-5006, IDAHO CODE,
TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-5006, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

67-5006. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this ~~act~~ chapter, the fol-
lowing terms are defined as follows:

(1) "Transportation" -- services designed to transport older persons
to and from community facilities and resources for the purpose of applying
for and receiving services, reducing isolation, or otherwise promoting in-
dependent living, but not including a direct subsidy for an overall transit
system or a general reduced fare program for a public or private transit sys-
tem.

(2) "In-home services" -- provide care for older persons in their own
homes and help them maintain, strengthen, and safeguard their personal func-
tioning in their own homes. These services shall include, but not be limited
to case management, homemakers, chores, telephone reassurance, home deliv-
ered meals, friendly visiting and shopping assistance, and in-home respite
care.

(3) "Congregate meals" -- meals prepared and served in a congre-
gate setting which provide older persons with assistance in maintaining a
well-balanced diet, including diet counseling and nutrition education.

(4) "Older persons" -- individuals sixty (60) years of age or older.

(5) "Adult day care" -- a structured day program which provides indi-
vidually planned care, supervision, social interaction and supportive ser-
vices for frail older persons in a protective setting, and provides relief
and support for ~~care-givers~~ caregivers.

(6) "Information and assistance service" means a service for older in-
dividuals that:

(a) Provides the individuals with current information on opportunities
and services available to the individuals within their communities, in-
cluding information relating to assistive technology;

(b) Assesses the problems and capacities of the individuals;

(c) Links the individuals to the opportunities and services that are
available;

(d) To the maximum extent practicable, ensures that the individuals
receive the services needed by the individuals, and are aware of the
opportunities available to the individuals, by establishing adequate
follow-up procedures; and

(e) Serves the entire community of older individuals, particularly:

(i) Older individuals with the greatest social need;

(ii) Older individuals with the greatest economic need; and

(iii) Older individuals at risk for institutional placement.

(7) "Information and referral" means and includes information relating to assistive technology.

(8) "Aging and disability resource center" means an entity established by a state as part of the state system of long-term care, to provide a coordinated system for providing:

(a) Comprehensive information on the full range of available public and private long-term care programs, options, service providers and resources within a community, including information on the availability of integrated long-term care;

(b) Personal counseling to assist individuals in assessing their existing or anticipated long-term care needs, and developing and implementing a plan for long-term care designed to meet their specific needs and circumstances; and

(c) Consumers' access to the range of publicly supported long-term care programs for which consumers may be eligible, by serving as a convenient point of entry for such programs.

(9) "Case management service":

(a) Means a service provided to an older individual at the direction of the older individual or a family member of the individual:

(i) By an individual who is trained or experienced in the case management skills that are required to deliver the services and coordination described in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

(ii) To assess the needs and to arrange, coordinate and monitor an optimum package of services to meet the needs of the older individual; and

(b) Includes services and coordination such as:

(i) Comprehensive assessment of the older individual, including the physical, psychological and social needs of the individual;

(ii) Development and implementation of a service plan with the older individual to mobilize the formal and informal resources and services identified in the assessment to meet the needs of the older individual, including coordination of the resources and services:

1. With any other plans that exist for various formal services such as hospital discharge plans; and

2. With the information and assistance services provided herein;

(iii) Coordination and monitoring of formal and informal service delivery, including coordination and monitoring to ensure that services specified in the plan are being provided;

(iv) Periodic reassessment and revision of the status of the older individual with:

1. The older individual; or

2. If necessary, a primary caregiver or family member of the older individual; and

(v) In accordance with the wishes of the older individual, advocacy on behalf of the older individual for needed services or resources.